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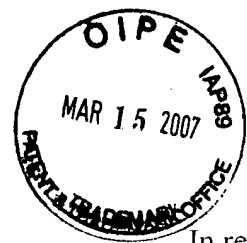
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RESPONSE TO RESTRICTION REQUIREMENT

Dear Examiner Cameron:

This is a response to the Restriction Requirement dated February 12, 2007. The Examiner has further restricted the invention under discrete species of particle.

Applicants elect species metal in claim 36 and gold in claim 37. Claims 35, 36, 37, 43, 44, 45, 46, 47, 60, 61, and 62 are readable on the species. Claim 59 is generic.

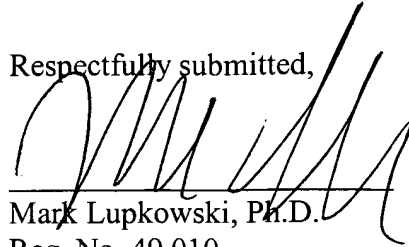
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